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SUBJ: BLACK AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TANZANIA

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED TANZANIA DAILY NEWS RAN ARTICLE JUNE 15 ON STATEMENT RELEASED IN WASHINGTON BY SEVEN BLACK AMERICANS WHO CONDEMNED RECENT IMPORTATION OF ARMS INTO TANZANIA BY TWO OTHER BLACK AMERICANS (DAR ES SALAAM 1736). STATEMENT REPORTEDLY SAID IMPORTATION OF ARMS MAY HAVE BEEN PROVOCATION BY IMPERIALISTS TO DISRUPT SIXTH PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE (SPAC) DUE TO OPEN JUNE 19. SIGNERS AFFIRMED SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT NYERERE, TANU AND PEOPLE OF TANZANIA. STATEMENT NOTED: "WHILE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO STAND JUDGMENT OF INDIVIDUAL'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THIS INCIDENT, WE AFFIRM RIGHT OF TANZANIA GOVERNMENT TO FULLY INVESTIGATE SITUATION AND ACT ACCORDINGLY." SEVEN AMERICANS ALSO WARNED THAT ENEMIES OF AFRICA MAY SEEK TO USE INCIDENT TO STIR UP SUSPICION DURING CONFERENCE. STATEMENT WAS SIGNED BY JULIAN ELLISON AND OWUSU SUDAUKAI OF SPAC, QUEEN MOTHER MOORE AND MUHAMMED AHMAD OF AFRICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, IRVING DAVIS OF PAN-AFRICAN SKILLS PROJECT, REF. MUHAMMED KENYATTA OF BLACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, AND IMAMU BARAKA OF CONGRESS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE.

2. JUNE 17 DAILY NEWS REPORTED THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF AFRO-

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AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TANZANIA SENT LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

RASHIDI KAWAWA IN WHICH THEY PLEDGED LOYALTY TO TANZANIA GOVERNMENT AND AFFIRMED THEY WILL COOPERATED AND HELP INVESTIGATIONS INTO INFILTRATION OF DANGEROUS ELEMENTS INTO COUNTRY FROM UNITED STATES. GROUP OF AFRO-AMERICANS, WHICH CALLS ITSELF "WAREJEAJI" (SWAHILI FOR "THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED"), STATED THAT "RECENT EVENTS IN DAR ES SALAAM HAVE GIVEN US THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SECURITY OF TANZANIA MAY BE THREATENED. IF THIS IS TRUE OUR POSITION AS ALWAYS IS CLEARLY ON THE SIDE OF THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT." STATEMENT CONTINUED: "BASING OURSELVES, WE PLEDGE OUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE INVESTIGATION NOW UNDER WAY. IF WE CAN BE OF ANY HELP IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS OR CONTACTS FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION WE STAND READY."

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